



Weymouth Garden Club

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WEYMOUTH GARDEN CLUB ("WGC")

MEMBER MEETING

DATE: February 9, 2019

The WGC meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. EST, by Ms. Yoshie Picciotto, President, at The Church of the Holy Nativity located at 8 Nevin Road, South Weymouth, Massachusetts. The President welcomed all members to the meeting.

There were 37 members present at this meeting.

Invocation: was given by Mr. Jordan Bagarolo:

"The flowers of late winter and early spring occupy places in our hearts well out of proportion to their size" – by Gertrude S Wister.

Secretary's Report: Ms. Anne Nichols stated that the approved minutes to the January Member meeting will be posted within the next week on the WGC website.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Karen DeTellis reported the current balances in our Checking and Savings Accounts. Ms. Charlotte Delaney will convene a sub-committee with Mses. DeTellis and Jean Berg to establish current balances of both the Education Fund and the Beautification Fund.

Education Fund: Ms. Picciotto clarified the Scholarship awards that are funded from proceeds of our annual Plant Sale. Two scholarships of \$1,000 each are presented to 2 residents of the town who plan to pursue horticultural or environmental studies.

Beautification Fund: The Christmas Wreath and Greens sale proceeds are used to provide funds for town beautification.

Corresponding Secretary: Ms. Mary Trentin was not able to attend.

Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts (GCFM): Ms. Trentin has forwarded updates for the Federation as received during the month.

The Boston Flower Show will take place at the Seaport World Trade Center on March 13-17. Some exhibitors and volunteers are still needed.

South Shore District: Members are encouraged to review programs and workshops sponsored by the District. Funding may be available for WGC members. Check with Ms. Picciotto if interested.

Pennies for Pines: Collection bag for Pennies for Pines was circulated to collect funds for planting an acre of trees. Any spare change is welcome. WGC would like to fund 2 acres of trees in recognition of 2 long-term members.

Donations: Ms. Charlotte Delaney shared the letter she received from Ms. Kathy Collins of Weymouth Youth and Family Service; thanking Members for their kindness in donating gifts from requests on the Giving Tree. Donations are being collected today for the Weymouth Food Pantry – remember for each \$1 donated - \$7 of food can be purchased.

Publicity: Ms. Jean Berg currently has no news to report.

Membership: Ms. Donna Schiller reminded members to forward any email address changes to her. Current membership stands at 72.

Media/Web: Mses. Michelle Cappellini and June Fulton are working at the studio again on a winter into spring video. What gardeners do in winter is the topic.

Library Flower Arrangements: With the Tufts Library under construction – 2 alternate sites have been chosen for arrangements. Pratt Library and Weymouth North Library will each have 1 arrangement per month. Sign-up sheets were circulated for coming months. Fresh blooms are requested as well as inspection during the month to add water or prune.

Programs: Ms. Anne Nicholas stated the February program is a hands-on workshop to make Kokedamas – which is a centuries old form of Japanese garden art with Ms. Picciotto giving the step by step instruction. The March program will be on Herbs and April will be on Roses.

Field Trips: Ms. Nicholas reminded members that the March field trip is on March 23rd to the Isabella Stuart Gardner Museum. The final field trip of the year is on June 1st to the Cochato Nursery in Holbrook.

Beautification: Ms. Suzanne Sullivan reported the first brainstorming meeting with 8 members of the committee. Any interested members are welcome to join. Note the Abigail Adams Green clean-up will happen in April to coordinate with the town clean-up day. Many ideas were suggested for beautification including a bench to be donated by the Club at the new Tufts Library.

Suggestions also made for general town clean-up as garbage continues to be a big problem in the town. A sign stating “Garden Club at Work” would give added visibility.

Initial discussion for a ban of plastic bags in the town will be taken under advisement.

Helping Hands: Ms. Brenda Reed has no requests presently from WGC members.

Garden Therapy: Ms. Joanne Kelley reminded members about the next Garden Therapy session on February 12th – 10:30 am at Pope Nursing Home. Rose bowls and little pins will be made with the residents. All members are encouraged to attend.

Hospitality: Ms. Paula Foster thanked the members for the delicious spread of baked goods, fruits and the beautiful centerpiece.

Nominating Committee: Ms. Jean Berg is chairing the Nominating Committee for upcoming elections. The current Treasurer and Recording Secretary will retain their positions. Three open positions for President, Vice President and Corresponding Secretary will be vacant. Please contact Ms. Berg if interested. The slate of candidates will be announced in March.

Plant Sale: Ms. Suzanne Sullivan confirmed the date of Saturday, May 18th from 9-1 at the DPW on Winter Street. Members are required to drop off a minimum of 10 plants on Friday, May 17th between 4-6pm. Sign-up

sheets were provided for the numerous committees, including: Publicity, Set-up, Pricing on Friday, Raffles, Membership, Staging and Check out. Members are reminded to bring clean extra pots to upcoming meetings.

Meeting adjourned for a short break and continued at 10:35 am.

The “Kokodama” presentation was very well planned from start to finish. Ms. Picciotto provided full explanation and a guided tutorial with many hints and tips along the way. The supplies included dirt, moss, twine and wire as well as bling alternatives to add sparkle. After care suggestions rounded out the session. Many thanks to Yoshie for this unique experience.

The meeting was adjourned at: 11:35 a.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Nichols

Anne Nichols, Secretary